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STATE ROUTE 60/INTERSTATE 215 SET TO CLOSE FOR BLAINE STREET BRIDGE DEMOLITION

Riverside – Caltrans will close all lanes of the southbound Interstate 215 (I-215) and the numbers 1 and 2 northbound lanes for continued demolition of the Blaine St./3rd Bridge Overcrossing. The closures will start at 8:30 p.m. and end at 5 a.m. the next day beginning Monday, Dec. 19 through Thursday, Dec. 22.

Signs will be posted alerting motorists of the freeway closure. Traffic will be directed off the freeway at Blaine Street and back on to the freeway at the Blaine Street on ramp in both directions. This is done to guide motorists safely around the construction area.

This bridge demolition is necessary in order for work crews to build a new structure that will serve the businesses and residents in the area near John North High School. During the closure of this bridge, motorists are encouraged to use the nearby Linden St. and Iowa Ave. bridges, which were recently reopened on October 12.

This closure are part of the ongoing work to complete the \$317 million 60/90/215 Freeway Improvement Project. The entire project is slated for completion in late 2007.

Caltrans distributes weekly closure information on the project via e-mail to interested parties. Call Caltrans Public Affairs at (909) 383-6733 to be added to the list of e-mail subscribers. Please visit the Web page: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/60/91/215> for construction updates on this project. Motorists are advised to exercise extra caution around the construction area and always make a point to ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.***



The entire northbound side of the Blaine St. Bridge has been removed. Work crews will begin removing the remainder of the structure next week. When completed, the new overcrossing will be wider and will accommodate more motorists. Motorists are advised to always drive with caution near construction sites.

